

disease, is the cause of about one-tenth of all blindness;

And whereas, this unnecessary blindness means untold misery to several thousand persons of our country, as well as an annual expenditure of almost one million dollars in the care of these unfortunate persons;

Now, therefore be it resolved, That it is the sense of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, that all members of the Association be urged to spread the knowledge of the great value of the Crede method of silver nitrate instillation as a preventive of ophthalmia neonatorum, and that all practitioners and midwives should use this method in obstetric practice,

And be it further resolved, That this Association request the California State Board of Health to make the prevention of ophthalmia neonatorum a matter of special consideration and action, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to that board, and copies be sent for publication to the Bulletin of this Association and to the Journal of the Medical Society of the State of California.

MENDOCINO COUNTY.

Pursuant to a called meeting by Dr. E. W. King, president of the Mendocino County Medical Society, for the purpose of electing officers and electing a delegate and alternate to the State Society, a meeting was held in Ukiah at the office of Dr. Lathrop. Present were Drs. King, Lathrop, Bond, Rea and Allen. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and accepted, and there being no previous business, the members immediately took up the question of election of officers.

It was moved and carried that Dr. Bond be elected president; moved and carried that Dr. Lathrop be elected vice-president; moved and carried that Dr. Allen be elected secretary and treasurer; moved and carried that Dr. King be elected delegate to the State Society; moved and carried that Dr. Beckman be elected alternate to the State Society; moved and carried that Drs. Bond, Rea and Lathrop be elected board of censors for the ensuing year.

It was resolved that the word regular be removed from the constitution and by-laws and that Dr. King enter into correspondence with the State Society regarding the meaning of the word regular as mentioned in the constitution and by-laws of the Medical Society of the State of California, found in Article 1, Section 3.

Moved and carried that application blanks be printed, and an explanation regarding the word regular in the constitution and by-laws be printed thereon.

Open discussion was had as to the best ways of advancing the interests of the society in this county.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the regular meeting, the third Friday in April.

F. E. ALLEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

SONOMA COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting was held at Cloverdale, February 22nd, 1909. Dr. H. C. Trachman read a paper on Neurosis and Tuberculosis of the Larynx, in which he described typical cases of both conditions. The meeting was held at the office of Dr. W. C. Shipley and after the meeting the society was banqueted by the Cloverdale members, Drs. Shipley, F. C. Grant and H. C. Trask, and then attended, in a body, the Citrus Fair.

The meeting for March was held on the 5th, at Santa Rosa, the subject of the evening being the Care of the Mother and Babe, Before, During and After Labor; papers by Drs. Jackson Temple and J. C. Condit were generally discussed. The next meeting is to be held at Petaluma, April 2nd, and Dr. George H. Evans, of San Francisco, will read a paper on Tuberculosis.

G. W. MALLORY, Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH, H. K. MULFORD COMPANY.

In order the more conveniently to serve the coast trade, the H. K. Mulford Company has opened a branch house in San Francisco at Second and Natoma streets.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL SOCIETY FORMED.

On March 4th the Italian-American Medical Society of San Francisco was launched at a banquet at For d' Italia restaurant, to which all those mentioned below had been invited by Dr. Osea Perrone, the organizer. After a sumptuous repast and an informal discussion as to the most advisable way to proceed to the formation of an active organization, Drs. A. S. Musante, O. Perrone and E. Taussig were appointed to draft a set of by-laws and constitution. Besides those named, Drs. C. Barsotti, A. de Lucis, M. Isnardi, V. Luchetti and G. Scapparone were present. Drs. D. Bacigalupi, C. Bricca, G. Coglieri, Jadarola and T. Rottanzi have signified their support in the movement, but were prevented from being present. It is expected to have the few remaining eligibles come into the society, as it is for the social, professional and economic improvement of the Italian-American practitioners that it is instituted.

REMARKABLY HEALTHY.

Dr. David B. Fields, Superintendent of the Trinity County Hospital, was somewhat surprised to receive a communication from the State Board of Health asking why the death rate in his county was so low. He thereupon investigated certain conditions, among them the ages of the inmates of the county hospital, finding that the average age of the twenty-one inmates was 77.85 years, as may be seen from the appended list. The question arises, Is this a hospital or an institution for old men?

The following are the inmates and the ages in the Trinity County Hospital, March 11th, 1909:

Bell, Frank, 85; Boles, John, 82; Boltz, John, 82; Boyle, Mike, 76; Cass, Charles, 73; Collins, Ira, 74; Cross, W. E., 80; Frank, William, 84; Fenton, Mike, 78; Ford, B., 74; Frye, Louis, 76; Hartigan, John, 86; Heist, Chris, 63; Luckie, James, 78; Louppe, John, 69; Mitchell, Frank, 81; McCoy, Chesley, 84; McManus, Harry, 62; Nichols, W. H., 64; Smith, Roland, 94; Zooks, Sam, 90.

The average age of the above twenty-one is 77.85.

GROUND SQUIRRELS.

The humble and lowly ground squirrel, according to C. Hart Merriam, U. S. Biological Survey, causes a loss to agriculture on this coast of some \$10,000,000 annually. But that is not why the insignificant squirrel is attracting attention; it is because he is known to be a carrier of plague. Merriam has written an excellent article, which is reprinted from the Public Health Reports, on the ground squirrel and the best way to get rid of him. Seeing that we have in certain counties of California a permanent plague focus (unless the squirrels can be exterminated), it is to be hoped that the article will have a wide distribution and general reading.

HEALTH PAMPHLETS.

The Health Department of the Pasadena City Schools, under the management of Dr. Hoag, has begun the publication of little leaflets called "Health Pamphlets," setting forth, briefly, certain facts in regard to the health of school children and defects to be looked for. These should prove of great value in educating parents and the public generally in matters of public health. They are small, easily read and set forth their contained information in a plain and simple manner; they should be adopted by other places where there is medical supervision of school children.